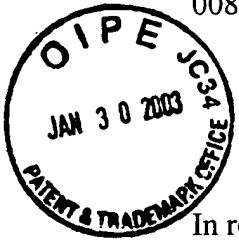


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	:	Group Art Unit: 1772
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)	January 30, 2003
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The documents were recently cited in the enclosed Japanese Official Action, which is dated November 15, 2002. A photocopy of each of the documents also is enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action has not been received in the above-identified application, neither a Statement, Petition, nor payment of a fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized

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to charge any fee which may be deemed necessary in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

A concise explanation of relevance for four of the cited Japanese patent documents is found in their respective Abstracts as shown on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

With respect to the other two cited Japanese patent documents, the Examiner is referred to their respective English language counterparts, wherein:

Japanese Patent Document No. 3-136830 corresponds to Canadian Patent No. 2,021,646.

Japanese Patent Document No. 5-229009 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,310,443.

Applicants advise that Japanese Patent Document Nos. 7-108615, 4-305436, and 4-201543 were listed in the Prior Art Search made by the Examiner, but they do not constitute the grounds of a rejection.

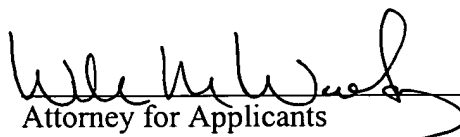
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited documents, and initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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